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16. M.R.Ry. N. Koilpillai Avargal, Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue.
17. The Kumararaja of Venkatagiri, M.L.C.
18. M.R.Ry. T. M. Krishnaswami Ayyar Avargal, High Court Vakil, Madras.
19. M.R.Ry. B. Satyanarayana Pantulu Garu, High Court Vakil, Madras.
20. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur T. Raghavayya Pantulu Garu, C.S.I., Secretary to the Committee.

(*c*) The informal Committee of 1922 held in all nine meetings in October 1922. The Committee constituted in June 1924 concluded its labours in May 1927.

(*d*) The only item of expenditure incurred on account of the committees was the travelling allowance paid to the non-official members from the mufassal who attended the meetings of committees. The information required is not available as travelling allowance bills are retained only for a period of three years.

(*e*) The views of the committees on the several amendments to the Act were made use of in drafting the Bill.

(*f*) & (*g*) As already stated in answer to clause (*a*), no reports were submitted to the Government by either of the committees; and the Government do not consider it necessary to publish the proceedings of the committees.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" With reference to clause (*f*) of the answer, may I ask the hon. Member to state why the report of the Committee cannot be published? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" The hon. Member refers to a report which does not exist. The question whether a summary of the decisions of the Committee and the recommendations that it would probably have made should be laid before the Select Committee will receive the consideration of Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, with reference to (*d*), whether the information will not be available from the Account Books with the Government? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" I am afraid, not."

Modification of the rules regarding grant of permission to take water for second crop irrigation in Bhimavaram Revenue division.

* 483 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principles hitherto in force in regard to the grant of permission to take water for a second crop also in the case of single crop wet lands of Bhimavaram Revenue division, West Godavari district; and

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(b) whether they were modified and if so, in what way and under what authority and whether such modification had any reference to the alleged satyagraha movement in the division?

A.—(a) & (b) Until fasli 1338 the distribution of water for the cultivation of a second crop on single crop wet lands in the Godavari Western delta, which includes the Bhimavaram Revenue division, was settled each year at a conference held by the officers of the Public Works and Revenue Departments with the ryots. As this arrangement had not been satisfactory, the Government in February 1926 sanctioned a special staff for the localization of the second crop ayacut. The special staff after detailed investigation formed three zones, viz., (1) a permanent zone, consisting of lands which could be supplied with water for a second crop every year, (2) a rotation zone, consisting of lands which could be supplied with water for a second crop once in four, three or two years according to the rotation fixed, and (3) an exclusion zone, consisting of lands which could not be supplied with water for a second crop in any year. This scheme was given effect to with effect from fasli 1338 under the orders of Government. The relevant papers connected with the scheme were placed on the table of the Legislative Council on 6th August 1929 and 6th November 1930. Detailed lists of the lands included in the rotation and permanent zones, however, have not yet been published. They are being prepared, in terms of the resurvey. Meanwhile a notification is being published every year in the District Gazette showing the area for which water for a second crop can be supplied in that year. An extent of 1,187·05 acres of land in the rotation zone and 87·50 acres of land in the permanent zone in the Bhimavaram division were temporarily excluded from the notification relating to fasli 1340 for the reason that the owners of those lands took an active and prominent part in the civil disobedience movement. In view of the subsequent political settlement, however, the Board of Revenue, under instructions from Government, issued orders in April 1931 directing that the enhanced water-cess levied for the irrigation of the lands which had been excluded from the second crop zone in fasli 1340 should be remitted if the parties applied for such remission.

Collection of land revenue in South Kanara district.

* 484 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the extent of arrears of land revenue in South Kanara district and in Kasaragod taluk and whether it was due to economic distress;